

2018 BARBA CESCO BARBERA D'ALBA SUPERIORE

ELIO FILIPPINO WINES, NEIVE, PIEDMONT, ITALY



THE WINE:

100% Barbera from an old vineyard on the Serra Capelli Hill in Neive. Fermented for 12-14 days, then aged in small French oak barrels for 24 months. Vineyard was planted in 1956. The wine's name pays homage to Elio's uncle Francesco who planted the original vineyard and to whom this wine is dedicated. There were only 8,100 bottles made in the 2018 vintage.

THE ESTATE:

On the right bank of the Tanaro River, 12km from Alba, this family-run estate sits on the steep hilly slopes of the Serra Capelli Hill. The south-west facing vineyards encompass 10 acres and are planted to Nebbiolo, Barbera and Dolcetto. Elio Filippino is the winemaker and his mother Lucia and sister Ivana all contribute greatly to the production of high quality wines. Traditional winemaking methods are used along with biodynamic vineyard practices.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: Maroon-ruby

Aromas: ripe black cherry, dried violets, and hints of freshly cut cedar

Flavor & Texture: Intense black fruits are met with cooking spices, hints of vanilla and sandalwood; the tannins are fine grained and polished

Food Pairing: risotto with wild mushrooms, herbs, pink sea salt and thinly sliced filet mignon

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